



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XC758]

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits, permit amendments, and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits, permit amendments, and permit modifications have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to NMFS.PrIComments@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (Permit Nos. 26750 and 27029), Amy Hapeman (Permit Nos. 24334-01, 26725, and 26778), Erin Markin, Ph.D., (Permit No. 26727), and Malcolm Mohead (Permit No. 22671-03); at (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit, permit amendment, or permit modification had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to www.federalregister.gov and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1 -- Issued Permits, Permit Amendments, and Permit Modifications

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous <i>Federal Register</i> Notice	Issuance Date
22671-03	0648-XC548	U.S. Geological Survey, Conte Anadromous Fish Research Lab, 1	87 FR 68455, November 15, 2022	January 9, 2023

		Migratory Way, Turners Falls, MA 01376 (Responsible Party: Alexander Haro, Ph.D.)		
24334-01	0648-XC563	Alaska Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802 (Responsible Party: Lori Quakenbush)	87 FR 71303, November 22, 2022	January 25, 2023
26725	0648-XC502	Florian Graner, Ph.D., 4021 Beach Drive, Freeland, WA 98249	87 FR 65191, October 28, 2022	January 19, 2023
26727	0648-XC534	Aaron Lynton, 986 Kupulau Drive, Kihei, HI 96853	87 FR 67677, November 9, 2022	January 23, 2023
26750	0648-XC550	Burke Museum, University of Washington, Box 353010, Seattle, WA 98195 (Responsible Party: Gabriela Chavarria, Ph.D.)	87 FR 68131, November 14, 2022	January 10, 2023
26778	0648-XC451	Wildstar Films Ltd., Embassy House, Queens Avenue, Bristol, UK, BS8 1SB (Responsible Party: Jennie Hammond)	87 FR 61574, October 12, 2022	January 19, 2023
27029	0648-XC595	Echo Pictures Ltd., c/o Offspring Films, 1st & 2nd floor, Dock House, Welsh Back, Bristol, UK, BS1 4SB (Responsible Party: Helen Sampson)	87 FR 75042, December 7, 2022	January 23, 2023

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

Authority: The requested permits have been issued under the MMPA of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

Dated: February 3, 2023.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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